

subcommittee under the auspices of the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) in response to Vice President Gore's request for EPA and the USDA to work together to ensure implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

DATES: The TRAC Workgroup II meeting will be held on Thursday April 8, 1999, from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Friday, April 9, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The TRAC "Full Committee" meeting will be held on Tuesday April 27, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, April 28, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The TRAC Workgroup II will be held on April 8-9 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA (703-683-6000).

The TRAC "Full Committee" meeting will be held on April 27-28, 1999, at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA (703-907-5934; across from Ballston Metro stop).

The official record is available in the Docket for inspection during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, excluding Federal holidays, at the Office of Pesticide Program, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall 2 (CM 2,) Rm. 101, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone: 703-305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By Mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Terria Northern, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501-C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail address: CM 2, Rm. 1119, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone number 703-305-7090; e-mail addresses: Fehrenbach.Margie@epa.gov or Northern.Terria@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) (Pub. L. 104-170) was passed in 1996. This new law strengthens the nation's system for regulating pesticides on food. The TRAC was established by EPA and USDA to provide policy guidance on sound science, ways to increase transparency in decision-making, strategies for a reasonable transition for agriculture and ways to enhance consultations with stakeholders, as pesticide tolerances are reassessed, including those for organophosphates.

The TRAC is co-chaired by EPA Acting Deputy Administrator Peter Roberston and USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger. The TRAC is a diverse group of stakeholders

representing a broad range of interests, including farmers and growers; environmental and public interest groups; public health officials; pediatric experts; pesticide companies and trade associations; food processors and distributors; academicians; Federal agencies; tribal, State and local governments.

The TRAC meetings are open to the public under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463. Outside statements will be limited to 3-5 minutes by each person or organization. Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before or after a TRAC meeting. These statements will become part of the official record and will be provided to the TRAC members. The official record will be available for public inspection at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

An agenda and background information are being developed and will be posted on the Agency's website one week prior to each meeting at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac>.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Chemical, Foods, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition No. P2-99]

In Re: Request that the Commission Issue Section 15 Orders to the Members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement; Notice of Filing of Petition

Notice is given that a petition requesting the Commission to issue a section 15 order to the members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement has been filed by the Coalition for Fair Play in Ocean Shipping. Members of the Coalition are alleged to be currently negotiating service contracts in the Far East in-bound trade lanes for the shipping season commencing May 1, 1999, and are asking the Commission to seek certain information through section 15 order. Petitioner claims that TSA warrants oversight during the negotiating period for the 1999 shipping season.

Interested persons are requested to reply to the petition no later than April 9, 1999. Replies shall be directed to the

Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573-0001, shall consist of an original and 15 copies, and shall be served on counsel for Petitioner, Carlos Rodriguez, Esq., Carlos Rodriguez & Associates, 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Copies of the petition are available for examination at the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, 800 N. Capitol Street, NW, Room 1046, Washington, DC.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 26, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034;

1. *MHBC Investments Limited Partnership*, Little Rock, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 57 percent of the